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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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National Intelligence Officer for

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SUBJECT:

Special Warning and Forecast Meeting, 4 January 1989

1. At 1300 on 4 January 1989 in Room 7E62, CIA Headquarters, a Special Warning and Forecast Meeting on the implications of Gorbachev's announced military cutbacks will be held. Gorbachev's military cutbacks, if carried out as announced, have the potential to change significantly the way the Intelligence Community views the Warsaw Pact threat. This special GPF Warning and Forecast meeting will attempt to address the military impact of Gorbachev's proposals and identify the major areas of military concern on which the community must focus in the next two years. Each presentation on the attached agenda should last no more than 15 minutes and will be followed by 20-30 minutes of general discussion.

2. Please limit attendees to essential concerned personnel. We only have space for forty attendees. Please phone your or your representatives' attendance to and have your clearances certified to CIA/CIB by COB 3 January 1989. (Addressees are reminded that being on the CIA PERMCERT roster does not grant you access to CIA facilities. Access for these meetings is a separate administrative action.) Also, please remember that all participants at the meeting must be

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Agenda for Special GPF Warning and Forecast Meeting

The outline below is based on the assumption that all of the proposals made in Gorbachev's 7 December United Nations speech are completed within two years. The questions posed under the main Agenda topics are for focus and should not be considered as restricting presenters to address only those questions if there are other relevant issues:

A. What will be the impact of Gorbachev's proposals on Soviet military capability? (CIA/DI/SOVA/RIG)

What will be the impact of removing the equipment from the forward area? What will the Soviets do with the equipment? How might the Soviets restructure and what will be the impact? How will the 500,000 man troop cut be allocated? What will be its impact? What will the impact be on the Soviet capability to generate forces? (1300-1345)

- B. What will be the impact on the correlation of forces? (DIA/DE) (1345-1430)
- C. What will be the effect on Warning? (NWS) (1430-1515)
- D. How can we verify that Gorbachev's proposals are being implemented? (NPIC/IEG and NSA/AO5) (7 minutes each)

What will be the primary indicators? What is the possibility/likelihood of deception? Should the tasking of national systems be changed? (1515-1600)

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